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CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION.

A plank in the republican platform in regard to congressional representation hits the democrats in a sore spot. It is well known that the disfranchisement of the negroes in many southern states is an accomplished fact. In the early days of negro enfranchisement following the war, when the colored voters were in the majority Kuklux gangs were organized, and by violence and intimidation the colored voters were kept from the polls, or their votes were uncounted in sufficient numbers to defeat political supremacy. The wisdom of granting the suffrage to the freed colored people may be questioned. As matters have turned out it has not worked well. It has probably done much to retard the south, and it certainly has not improved the condition of the colored citizens of that region. It is not in human nature for a superior race to submit to domination by an inferior race. The higher intelligence was bound to fret under the yoke, and devise methods to assert its supremacy. The outcome might and perhaps ought to have been foreseen. In most of the states where colored citizens are sufficiently numerous to threaten preponderance at the polls, laws have been enacted designed to bar the colored citizens from the ballot box. They are citizens under United States laws; they are shut out from the polls under state laws, or under fear of violence. Whether these restrictive laws shut out some white voters at the same time is immaterial. They were aimed specially at the colored voters, and were prompted by racial animosity. Without denying the right of the states to limit the right of suffrage, the republican platform favors a reduction of the representation in congress and the electoral college in proportion to the limitation of suffrage. The democratic plank makes no square cut issue on this point, but denounces the republican platform as an attempt to rekindle racial and sectional strife. We give the two planks in parallel columns:

Republican Plank.
We favor such congressional action as shall determine whether, by special discrimination, all the negroes in any state have been disfranchised. If such is the case, we demand that representation in Congress and in the electoral college shall be proportionally reduced, as direct by the constitution of the United States.

Democratic Plank.
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To show the extent to which this evil has grown, and the necessity of remedial action, we present a table showing the total vote for congressmen in six southern states, where the colored population is strong, and seven Pacific coast states:

Southern States. Pacific Coast States. No. Con. gress—Total State No. Con. gress—Total State

Arkansas..... 6 33,701 California..... 8 201,038

Florida..... 3 18,340 Idaho..... 1 50,638

Georgia..... 11 41,347 Washington..... 3 105,988

Louisiana..... 2 79,477 Nevada..... 1 10,477

Mississippi..... 6 12,150 Montana..... 1 52,322

South Carol' a 8 28,744 Utah..... 1 84,843

Totals..... 39 156,641 Totals..... 17 681,101

The figures speak for themselves. There must be something radically wrong when the state of California casts nearly twice the number of votes for her eight congressional candidates as the six southern states named do for 39 representatives.

The Pacific coast states have 17 congressmen, and cast four times as many votes as six southern states with 39 congressmen. In Mississippi it requires an average of 2150 to elect a member of congress. In California the average vote is 36,378. Utah and Oregon with three representatives outvote the whole six states with 39 congressmen. Amador county alone casts more votes for congress than were cast for John Sharp Williams, a successful candidate for congress in Mississippi, and who is the leader of the democrats in the house, and was chairman of the democratic convention in St. Louis. Thirteen southern states, with 102 congressmen, are outvoted by New York alone, with 60,000 votes to spare, with 37 representatives. It is this inequality of representation in the national legislature in proportion to votes that the republican plank is designed to reach, while democracy raises the cry of racial and sectional prejudice. We cast three times the vote for assemblyman in the assembly district of which Amador county forms a part, than the average vote for congressman in Mississippi. And from a democratic standpoint there is nothing out of joint in this incongruity.

New line of dusters just received at Peter Piccardo's harness shop.

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS' SALARY CASES.

The decisions of the supreme court in justices' and constables' salary cases that went up on appeal from the superior court of Amador county will be found published in full elsewhere in these columns. For a copy of these decisions we are indebted to W. J. McGee, attorney for the township officers. The decisions affirm the judgment of the lower court in both these cases, and from the standpoint of the officials concerned the matters in issue are probably deemed finally settled. A careful reading of the McCauley case, however, leaves one in considerable doubt on this proposition. There were two constitutional questions involved. 1st, The legality of classifying the townships by population for the purpose of fixing salaries. Because the constitution gave the legislature no such power, in express terms, it was argued that the exercise of such authority was unconstitutional and void. This point has been definitely settled. The court holds that such power is within the scope of the legislative body. And the reasons which are given for this view will appeal to the reader as sound and conclusive.

The second point, whether the change from fee to salary is an increase of compensation after the incumbent's election and during his term of office, is the vital question. On this matter the court's affirmation of the judgment is based entirely on the finding of the lower court that it is not an increase of salary or compensation, but merely a change in the mode of compensating the officers—from fees to salary. The inference is plain, that if the court had found that the salary act did increase the compensation of the township officers, the law would have been violative of the constitutional provision. The superior court found that the evidence introduced did not prove an increase of salary, and hence the law was upheld.

The situation is therefore made peculiar and anomalous. The law in question was passed for the express purpose of increasing the compensation of these officials. It was regarded by the officials themselves, and by the people generally. They were not getting a living by the fee system; they expected to get more under the salary act. They have drawn the fees fixed under the old law month after month, with the understanding that if the salary act was sustained they would draw the difference when the question was decisively settled in their favor. But this has been so settled?

By an examination of the fee bills of justices of the peace and constables presented to and allowed by the supervisors during the past year, or since this controversy arose, it will be found that there is a material difference between the sums drawn, and salaries provided under the act of 1903. Of course the justices and constables will soon be knocking at the door of the treasury for the balance of salary due them under the supreme court decision. This balance may be roughly estimated at fifty per cent, or something like \$3000. The remarkable feature presented is that Amador will be called upon to pay this additional money under the finding of the court deemed conclusive by the appellate tribunal, that the salary act is "not an increase of compensation, and therefore not violative of the constitution.

Butler-Dugan Nuptials.

William Butler, of the firm of Talbot and Butler, proprietors of the Plymouth, Sutter, and Sacramento stage line, and Miss Laura Dugan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Dugan of Plymouth, and for some time past the correspondent of the Ledger from that place, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents by the Rev. S. H. Phillips on Saturday evening, July 30. Many of the most intimate friends and acquaintances of the contracting parties were present to witness the beautiful and impressive ceremony. At 9 o'clock the wedding supper was announced, and those present ate and made merry until a late hour. The presents were many and costly. The contracting parties are among Plymouth's most popular young people, and start on life's journey with the best wishes of the entire community. Their future home will be in Sutter Creek.

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For seeds in GINSENG, GOLDEN SEAL and

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Death of "Capt. Dick" Morecam.

Richard Morecam, better known as "Captain Dick," passed away at the county hospital early Monday morning. Richard Markham was born at Cornwall, England, 63 years ago. For many years he worked in the various mines along the mother lode, during which time he contracted that enemy of underground working men—miners' consumption. During the past eight years he has made his home, or stopping place, with the family of John Chinn. A short time ago, at his own request, he was taken to the county hospital where he could receive proper medical attention. His remains were interred in the Protestant cemetery Tuesday, at 10 o'clock a.m.

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My druggist does not stock our vaccines, order direct from us.

PALOMA - - - CAL.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Dr. Allen Osman and family of Los Angeles, while riding in their auto, collided with a Whittier electric car, fatally injuring three of the party and badly bruising the doctor and his daughter-in-law.

Jeffries is now hunting deer near Harbin Springs, Lake county. He will punch Monroe into insensibility a little later on.

Mrs. S. J. Gessford, mother of Judge H. C. Gessford of Napa county, died last week.

There are 10,000 acres of grape vines in San Joaquin county.

The largest plank in the world is the democratic platform.

Colusa is to have a Business College.

The Ledger is the only paper in Amador county that gives all the news.

A. V. Neagle, an electrician, and son of ex-U. S. Marshall Dave Neagle was shamefully maltreated at Stent on the evening of July 29th.

Four highwaymen secured \$1000 and many valuable from the Illinois Central Chicago & St. Louis express train pullman passengers Monday.

Kuropatkin reports the Russian army still on the retreat.

New York city was visited by an electric storm Monday and much damage was done.

Miss James Clemmons, youngest daughter of Mark Twain, while riding on horse back in South Lee, Massachusetts, Monday collided with a trolling car and sustained a fracture of the ankle. The horse was instantly killed.

The president of Hayti thinks the foreigners are trying to ruin his country.

Judge Parker and wife are to visit the St. Louis Fair. It will give the Judge a chance to see the sights and the sightseers an opportunity to see the Judge.

Hearst wants a renomination and election to Congress, but Charles F. Murphy of Tammany fame objects.

Against the Red Cloud mining claim, Plymouth district.

John H. Nichols, wife and wife to C. L. Culbert, lot 7, block 3, Amador City, \$300, 1 year, 1 per cent per month.

Mrs. Mary Smith et al to Bartolomeo Trabucco, lot 16, block 2, Jackson, \$500, 1 year, 9 per cent per annum.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

Bank of Amador County to Mary Smith.

LEASE.

V. F. Rocco to Charlie Sing, Rocco Theater building on Water street, Jackson, 5 years.

LIEN.

Discharge of judgment lien held by

Mary Ethel Van Zandt, executrix,

against Thos. Alonzo Van Zandt et al, \$1350.

CERTIFICATE OF EXECUTION.

George L. Keading vs. F. J. Taylor,

sale of 155 acres for \$402.50 to satisfy

judgment of \$364.

AGREEMENT.

Union Exploration Co. with Wm. E.

Stewart, agreement to sell certain

mining properties in Amador county,

\$5000.

Fire in Jackson Valley.

The large dwelling house of Joseph

Blanchett, better known as Joe White,

was totally destroyed by fire early

Saturday morning. Nothing was

saved. The fire caught from the stove-

pipe. The house had only been com-

pleted a short time, and its destruction

at this time works a great hardship

upon the family. There was a small

insurance on each box. 25c.

Letters remaining unclaimed in the

Jackson, Cal.; postoffice, for the week

ending August 5, 1904:

Mrs. M. D. Atwater Jlia F. Spirto

C. G. FOLGER, Postmaster.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tab-

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LOCAL NEWS
OF THE WEEK

A McWayne, of Drytown, was in town Wednesday.

PIONEER FLOUR always has been and still is the best.

Supervisor Grillo was not present at the board meeting on the first.

Lemons, oranges, and bananas constantly on hand at Nettles' Mkt.

Piccardo's sewing never rips; by going there we some trips.

Ex-sheriff Gregory went to San Francisco Sunday and returned Tuesday.

Pioneer Flour is the "Lily of the Valley," the "Pearl of Perfection."

Miss Bertha Gooding, of Julian, was a visitor at the Gritton home this week.

If you want a good harness at reasonable prices call at A. Basso's, Jackson.

D. McCall, the oil magnate, was interviewing the supervisors on the first.

J. F. Wilson, Dentist. Hours 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Phone Main 404. Jackson, Cal.

The 11-year old son of Steve Ferreri, accidentally broke his right forearm last Friday.

Farmer Jack Lucas, of the Julian district, brought in a 40-pound melon Monday.

"Mayor" Frasier of Sutter Creek, was among Tuesday's visitors to the county capital.

Miss M. Wildes and Miss A. Cerv, of San Francisco, are visiting with Mrs. J. J. Wadham.

Olives, salami, swiss, limburger Martin's cream and California cheese at Nettles' Mkt.

Rev. S. H. Phillips, of Plymouth, was an attentive listener to the board proceedings Monday.

Chas. Fournier, of Sutter Creek, is finishing the upstairs part of the lone high school building.

Marion Moor, the Western Federation organizer, was in town during the early part of the week.

Superintendent Moore, of the South Eureka, was among Wednesday's callers at the county seat.

Mrs. Della Jones, (nee Gorman) came up from Vallejo last week on business, and to spend a vacation with friends here.

The Singer runs, the Singer sews, by simply pressing with the toes. By day I work, at night I sleep, because the Singer is so cheap. Wonderly, Agt.

Mrs. C. H. Turner, sister of A. Caminetti, has been in Jackson for the past week. She was called from San Francisco to attend the funeral of the infant child of C. Hintman of Kennedy flat.

If you are going fishing or hunting and are afraid of Poison Oak, take a dose of Dr. Mason's Poison Oak Cure. It is a perfect preventative.

Monday afternoon the Standard Electric wagon from Electra collided with the buggy of Mrs. Driscoll at Scottsville. The buggy was badly wrecked.

Justus W. L. Rose of Sutter Creek was in town Monday making inquiry as to the amount of money in the treasury. He wants to be the first to draw his salary.

B. Letang, of the gas works, is making the necessary connection with the new pipe recently laid to Piccardo's and Newmanville, so as to furnish gas to that district.

District Attorney Vicini received a telegram Tuesday from his wife at Pacific Grove, stating that their son, Hoyt, was quite ill. Mr. Vicini left on the stage Wednesday morning.

D. B. Spagnoli and son Earnest were passengers on the outgoing stage Wednesday. Earnest goes to enter the Hastings Law School. Mr. Spagnoli will be absent about one week.

Mrs. Ben Taylor left for Washington state a few days ago, and will be joined during the coming week by her son Frank and family from the Gwin. They will be absent several weeks.

Judge John F. Davis has been in court this week upon the Gordon vs. Gregory case and other matters. He went below to his city office this morning, and will return the middle of the month.

Jack Chinn's new dwelling on Stump street is going to be one of the most convenient houses in Jackson. It is now nearing completion and when finished it will add greatly to the appearance of that part of the town.

G. Dalporto of the California hotel was a victim of ptomaine poisoning last Sunday. For a time he was in a very critical condition, but by heroic measures the doctor succeeded in bringing him relief. The patient was in convulsions for hours. It is not definitely known what he ate that caused the trouble.

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Supreme Court Decisions Thereon - The Salary Law Sustained on the Finding that it is not an Increase of Compensation

JAMES McCauley, petitioner and respondent, vs. C. L. Culbert, auditor of Amador county, defendant in error. No. 1240. Decided July 27, 1904. In Bank.

Petitioner, a justice of the peace in and for township number two of Amador county, brought his action in mandate against the auditor of the county, seeking a writ of mandamus to compel the auditor to pay to him the salary he was in favor of the petitioner upon the county treasurer of Amador for the sum of \$35, in payment of salary for the month of June, 1903, pursuant to the provisions of the county government bill (Statutes 1903, p. 201).

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